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GREENALLS

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE  
**BOLTON WANDERERS**  
Saturday, 1st April, 1989 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Official  
Programme

**60p**



# Welcome to the Stadium

Today we welcome players, officials and supporters of Bolton Wanderers to The Stadium for the second time this season. Wanderers were of course our opponents in the First Round of the Littlewoods Cup earlier this season and will also be looking to put the record straight after our 1-0 win at Burnden Park last December in the League. All of the meetings between our two sides have been close affairs this season and today's encounter promises to be no exception.

Our last home game against Wolves last Saturday was I'm sure you'll agree one of the best seen at The Stadium for quite some time, the crowd of 8,326 created a fantastic atmosphere and it only goes to prove how the fans' backing can spur a team on. Unfortunately we were all brought down to earth at Wigan a couple of days later with our 3-0 defeat. Injuries to key players did not help our cause and at the time of writing players are still battling to be fit for today's game. It was a day of strange results all round, as only Bristol Rovers who ended Wolves' fine home form, gained maximum points out of the leading pack of clubs.

It is therefore important that we gain maximum points from both today's game and our home game versus Fulham next Wednesday, as it is still possible that a play-off place could be gained at the end of the season. Our remaining home fixtures contain what look to be some very interesting games with Bury, Preston and Sheffield United yet to visit The Stadium.

As I said earlier the support versus Wolves was tremendous, so please get behind the lads again today and hopefully cheer them on to a victory!

*Enjoy the game,*  
**JOHN MARTIN**

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# NEWS ON 3

Well, the transfer deadline has been and gone for another season – were Third Division clubs very active I hear you ask – let's have a look.

Bristol City had obviously decided they would have to spend some of the rewards of their Cup exploits and that it was yet another striker they wanted. Notts County's Ian McParland rejected the chance of a £150,000 move to Ashton Gate and so City came up with another £25,000 and signed 22-year-old Bob Taylor from Leeds. That seems a lot of money for a player with just 36 games and nine goals in the League, we'll have to wait and see. Having turned down Bristol, Mr. McParland said yes to Hull City and became their record signing but that only lasted for a day because they then spent £200,000 on Peter Swan from Leeds! County, in return, paid Hull £25,000 for defender Charlie Palmer.

Mansfield's new Manager, George Foster, paid Walsall £50,000 for striker Trevor Christie, whilst Port Vale paid Liverpool £35,000 for winger John Jeffers, who has already had a couple of months on loan at Vale Park. Vale then recouped their outlay by selling youngster Steven Harper to Preston. Vale also stand to gain 50% of any future transfer fee, should Steven move on. Reading again tried to spend their money, they offered Portsmouth £100,000 for full-back Lee Sandford but that move didn't come off. That left Aldershot as the only other club to spend, when they paid Bournemouth £25,000 for striker David Puckett, who again has already had a couple of months on loan with the club.

Brentford signed Oxford winger Jon Purdie on loan but they benefitted most in terms of cash received when they sold midfielder player Andy Sinton to QPR for a club record fee of £350,000. Northampton increased their bank balance by £55,000, when they sold midfielder David Gilbert to Grimsby.

Other deals affecting Third Division clubs included our signing of West Brom goalkeeper Gary Leake, whilst Wolves took Birmingham keeper Roger Hansbury on loan as well. Fulham have allowed Wayne Kerrins to move to Leyton Orient on loan, whilst Swansea striker Ian Love has joined Torquay under a similar arrangement. Sheffield United have loaned defender Cliff

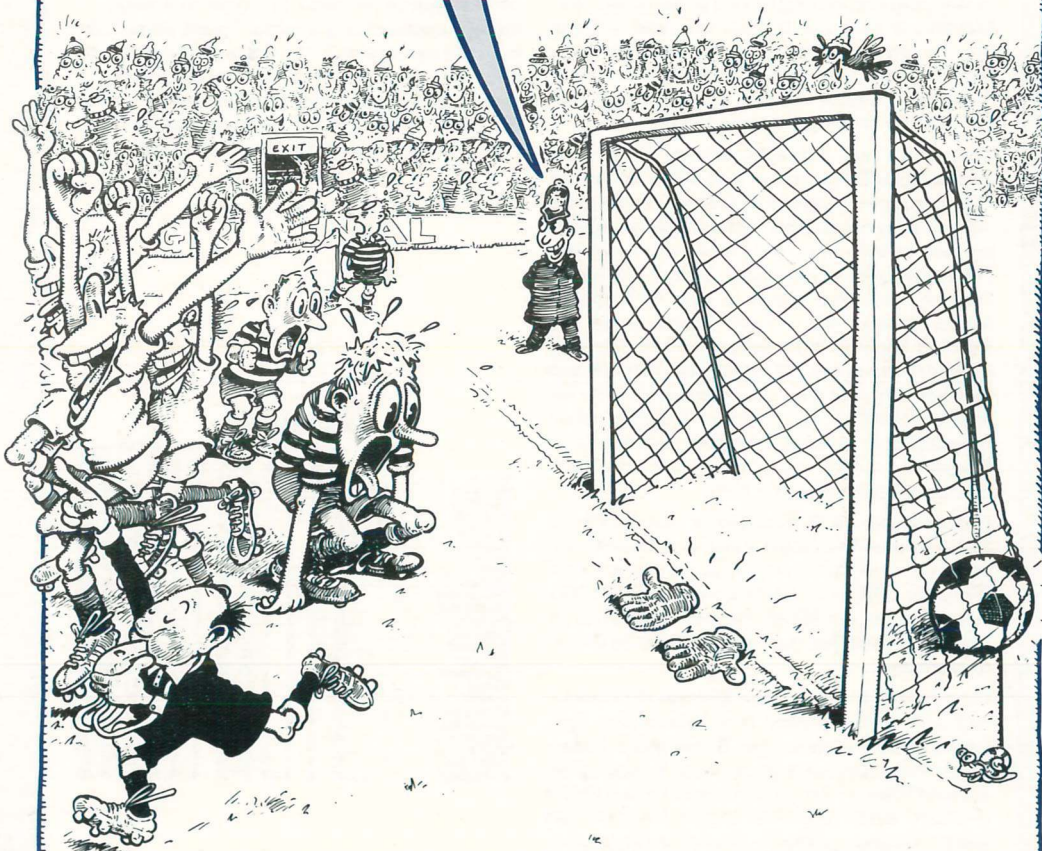
Powell to Doncaster, whilst Bury have allowed midfielder Gary Leonard to move to Stockport on a free transfer.

The other news of late concerns the Sherpa Van Trophy, where three of our Divisions four representatives won through to the Regional Finals. Blackpool beat Scarborough with a penalty in the last minute of extra time, whilst today's visitors Bolton also overcame Crewe after extra time. Bolton will now have home advantage in the First Leg of the Northern Final. In the South, Wolves duly overcame Hereford, but F.A. Cup heroes Brentford failed at home to Torquay – thereby experiencing a minor "giant killing" act from the wrong side of the fence. Wolves have to travel to Torquay first but, as they are only being given 1,500 tickets, they are planning to screen the game at Molineux – and you thought only First Division clubs did that sort of thing!

## DIVISION 3

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Wolves	35	15	2	1	51	14	7	6	4	27	21	74
Port Vale	35	12	3	3	40	17	7	6	4	25	19	66
Sheff Utd	33	13	2	2	45	14	6	4	6	27	24	63
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Preston	37	12	5	1	45	21	4	6	9	20	25	59
Swansea	36	11	7	1	30	16	4	5	8	15	21	57
Fulham	36	11	5	3	36	22	6	1	10	19	30	57
Bury	37	10	5	3	26	15	5	5	9	26	37	55
Chester	35	9	5	3	27	16	5	5	8	21	36	52
Bristol City	35	8	3	6	23	18	6	5	7	17	23	50
Huddersfield	35	8	6	4	28	21	6	1	10	18	32	49
Notts City	36	6	7	5	25	21	6	4	8	21	23	47
Mansfield	36	8	6	4	25	18	3	8	7	14	23	47
Barnsley	33	10	3	4	26	17	2	7	7	22	27	46
Reading	36	8	6	3	30	20	3	5	11	21	35	44
Northampton	37	10	2	7	35	27	3	3	12	19	36	44
Bolton	35	9	5	3	29	15	2	5	11	11	28	43
Cardiff	33	8	5	2	24	12	3	5	10	12	34	43
Blackpool	35	7	6	5	24	19	2	6	9	15	24	39
Chesterfield	37	8	4	6	28	26	3	2	14	11	45	39
Southend	35	6	7	4	24	21	2	5	11	18	41	36
Wigan	33	6	3	8	21	19	2	6	8	18	26	33
Aldershot	36	5	5	8	22	24	1	6	11	15	39	29
Gillingham	37	4	3	11	17	27	4	1	14	18	40	28

MUST'VE BEEN MISSING  
HIS **GREENALLS!**



Paul Sample



# A VIEW FROM THE TERRACES

## £70 MILLION WELL SPENT?

When all the talk in football at the moment is about the cost of the introduction of the I.D. card, just take a look at the amount of money spent last week as the transfer market came to a close.

The total season's total transfer dealings came to a staggering 70 million pounds! Which is 20 million pounds *more* than the previous highest figure for transfer deals for any other season!

So it's easy to understand the pro I.D. lobby being sceptical when the clubs say they can't afford it.

So, do these big deals work? Well just look at the multi-million pound deals of the past couple of seasons. Mark Hughes doesn't look like winning anything at Manchester United again this season, while doing well in the cups, Everton's League form has been poor, resulting in their million pound signing Tony Cottee being relegated to the sub's bench last week. Liverpool are certainly managing well enough without the injury-stricken Ian Rush and "Cockney Glamour Boys" Spurs' big spending has yet to bear fruit.

What's the answer to all of this? What about a transfer limit of £500,000 per player? That's not beyond the means of most of the First Division and the top of the Second Division clubs. A limit would stop the top clubs "creaming off" the best players, and would open the First Division Championship to other clubs other than the usual top five, and would hopefully reflect in decreasing the transfer fees in the lower divisions as well. There would also have to be a top wage limit, so that the clubs bidding for a player's services would have to offer more than just a fatter wage packet.

Anybody else got any other ideas? How else is the ever-widening gap between the premier clubs and rest ever going to be closed?

On the last day of the transfer deals, a remarkable £4.3 million of business was done. £1¼ million of that on the Frank McAvennie deal alone. West Ham paying £500,000 more for him than they sold him for 18 months previously.

If you add the Football League levy (5%) plus his wages for his three year contract plus his signing-on fee, the whole deal is approaching two million pounds.

So if McAvennie manages to score 60 goals in that time, that amounts to £30,000 a goal! This, of course, is if he sees his contract out. All this for a player approaching 30 years of age. A million pound player could not have played better or scored a more spectacular goal than Graham Abel did for us against Wolves last week. Well done Graham!

Can I also take this chance to welcome back "Old Boy" John Thomas today, and congratulate both him and his wife, Lesley, on the recent birth of their son, Sam.

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The Football Trust receives £9 million annually from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers and spends it all on projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.

Since 1979 it has been committed to the development of the game at every level and its broad and varying initiatives have ranged from essential safety work at Tottenham to social work at Tooteth, refurbishment at Wembley to repairs at Welling, closed circuit television at all League clubs to community facilities at Oldham Athletic, transport improvements at Sheffield Wednesday to storm damage in the South East of England; from policing costs at Hull City to an artificial pitch at Hyde United.

1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

## WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder, which may subsequently be used in a court of law.

## CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

## SAFETY FIRST

Football grounds in England and Wales have reached their highest ever level of safety thanks to the £23,671,425 invested by the Football Grounds Improvement Trust since 1975.

Almost every League club has been assisted with essential safety work and further substantial sums have been spent to enable them to improve facilities. In the past year alone FGIT grants to Football League clubs totalled:

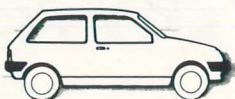
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Safety	2,254,723
Improvements	770,561

In addition to its safety programme, FGIT has also allocated £1.5 million to build or improve family and disabled facilities at League grounds during 1988.





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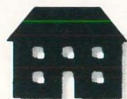
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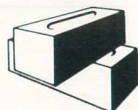
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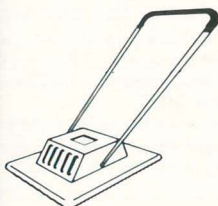
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# 25 YEARS OF CITY PROGRAMMES

## SEASON 1981-82

Millwall visited The Stadium for a Division Three fixture on Saturday, 19th September 1981 and it is the programme from that match that we take a look at today.

The programme was again printed by Duplex Litho Press at Newton Abbot and sported a very colourful cover. The cover was basically all blue and white and included three colour action shots as well as a large colour shot of Trevor Storton — once again the programme was entitled “Seals Scene”.

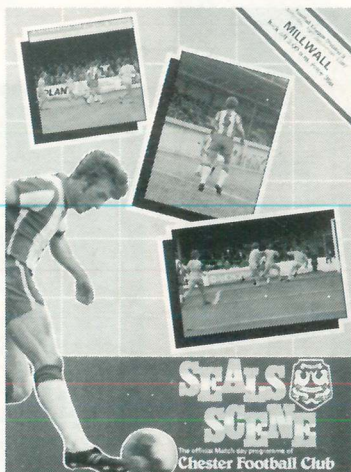
The inside cover contained manager Alan Oakes' notes, which explained that we had broken a 15 year “jinx” by winning at Gillingham (something we now do regularly!) thanks to a Gary Simpson goal, that was in fact our first win in the League after drawing both of the other opening games. It was also ironic to note that Oakes was saying how disappointed he was at the low attendances being experienced at The Stadium, although admitting that the previous season's performances probably had some bearing on the size of the “gates”. “Presstalk” on page three looked at the local newspaper reports from the previous two matches — a 0-0 draw in the League with Swindon and a 1-1 draw in the League Cup at The Stadium.

The details on opponents Millwall were disappointing, with just the pen-pictures of the players being reproduced without any club history or any other details. On the same page we find an article by Kick-Off presenter Elton Welsby, who was taking a look at a world-class goalkeeper who was playing in Crewe Reserves! That claim had been made by Crewe manager Tony Waddington, and the player he was referring to was none other than Bruce Grobbelaar! Bruce had joined Crewe in 1979 but unfortunately could not get a work permit and moved on to Vancouver Whitecaps before joining the Anfield club. Elsewhere in the programme we have the usual “Flashback” article which once again failed to report a City victory! “Scene 3”, which looked at the opening games of the season and “Terrace Talk” which looked at possible changes to the points system in the League.

A new feature introduced was “Programme Corner”(!), which took a look at past programmes involving City. The writer had delved back to 1948 to take a look at a programme from an F.A. Cup 4th round tie at Blackpool. Once again the programme included the “On Target” magazine insert and this included articles on Aston Villa, who at the time were League champions and about to become European Cup winners and Exeter City who had enjoyed an amazing F.A. Cup run the previous season including defeats of Newcastle and Leicester.

The back page of the programme contained both team details and a pen-picture of referee Ray Chadwick from Darwen. The City team for the game was Millington, Needham, Raynor, Storton, Zelem, Oakes, Jones, Simpson, Ludlam, Phillips and Sutcliffe. The game ended in a goalless draw in front of a crowd of just 2,052.

Later in the season, the programme printers, Duplex Press went bankrupt and an “emergency edition”, eight page, black and white programme had to be issued for the last few home games. These were printed by local firm S. G. Mason who helped the club at short notice.



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• If anyone missed last Saturday's "cracker" against Wolves or just want to see the match again, a video is available of the whole 90 minutes. Please contact Linda on Chester 371376 or 371809 for further details.

• Back issues of most of this season's matchday programmes, home and away are available from the Club Shop along with a full range of City souvenirs. Why not pay a visit?

## CHESTER CITY LIFELINE

Winners of Draw No. 3 (21st March, 1989)

£500 — Pam Crowson. £100 — M. D. Hughes, Sally Taylor, Helen Lloyd, D. Mosly, R. A. Crowder.

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## NEXT AT THE STADIUM

Barclays League Division Three  
on Wednesday, 5th April, 1989

## CHESTER CITY v. FULHAM

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.



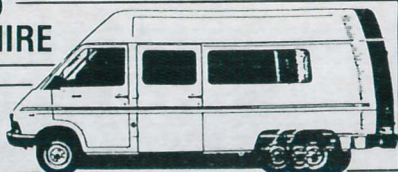
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## with EAMONN O'KEEFE

Question: Which current Football League player has played international football for both England and the Republic of Ireland? Answer: **EAMONN O'KEEFE** — it's true. Eamonn represented England at semi-professional level twice in 1979 and then after breaking into the League played for the Republic of Ireland against Wales in 1981, China in 1984 and Mexico, Russia and England in 1985. "Mind you, they caught up with me then," laughed Eamonn, who was born in Manchester but whose father was born in Dublin, "and I was banned."

International honours are just part of Eamonn's varied career so far. In his childhood days he represented Manchester Schoolboys and it looked as if his ambition to be a professional player had materialised when Manchester United took him on their books. Unfortunately that wasn't to be the case, "soon after going to Old Trafford I broke a leg in two places and that put me out of the game for a couple of years." It was into the non-league circles then for Eamonn with Mossley and Stalybridge Celtic until Plymouth came along in 1973 and paid £5,000 for his services. Again that move failed, however, "that was down to me, my attitude was wrong," and so it was back to Stalybridge still without a League appearance to his name. Then came a little bit of history, Eamonn became the first European player to play out in Saudi, "I had twelve months with Hail but it was very hot and coping with the climate proved to be difficult" — back to Mossley. The big breakthrough wasn't long in coming however and in July 1989 Everton paid £25,000 to Mossley for Eamonn's services — this despite the interest of both Crystal Palace and Wigan. Two and a half years at Everton brought 40 first team games and six goals before, in January 1982, Wigan came in with a cheque for £65,000.

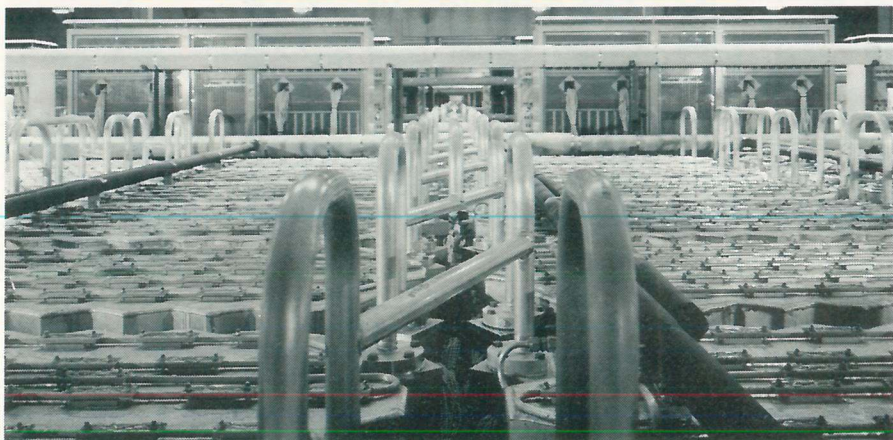
Mind you, that was money well spent as Eamonn's nine goals during the rest of that season helped The Latics to clinch promotion — incidentally that haul included hat-tricks against both Crewe and Mansfield. The following season he was top scorer with 16, "I was never really an out and out striker but then I wasn't a midfielder player all the time either, a combination of the two is probably the best description!"

Unfortunately money problems left Wigan on the brink of collapse in 1983 and there wasn't really much choice left when Port Vale came along with £40,000. That move resurrected Eamonn's international career however and his 59 appearances for Vale produced another 17 goals in a stay that lasted just short of two years. Blackpool was the next port of call and six goals from Eamonn helped The Seaside's secure promotion in 1985. The following season started brilliantly, 14 goals in 16 League and Cup games but then tragedy struck on 22nd October in a game at Chesterfield, "there was no-one near me when I fell awkwardly, I tried to stop my ankle from getting damaged but ended up twisting my knee and tearing the cartilage." Eamonn returned against Bristol in March 1986 and had another eight appearances that season and still finished up top scorer with 15 goals. Things weren't right however and after a couple of brief appearances at the start of season 1986-87 Eamonn decided he'd had to give up. Did he ever imagine at that stage that he'd play League football again, "Not really, I went out to Ireland to manage Cork and I played regularly for them. We won the League Cup last season for the first time in fourteen years but were then stuck with financial problems. I came back over here and after watching a few games I got the urge to play again, so here I am."

In a career that's had more than its fair share of downs, what did Eamonn think had been the highlights? "Playing for the Republic at Wembley came quickly to mind as did promotion with both Wigan and Blackpool!" Had his managerial spell in Ireland given him any future aspirations in that direction? "Yes, because of the financial problems it was hard work but nevertheless very enjoyable. When you look back at the youngsters in the game now, yes, I would like the chance to be a manager." But how long can he go on playing? "Until they shoot me!", was the reply. Perhaps the goal at Blackpool might rate as the best of his career? "The best goal is always the next one," he laughed. Welcome to Sealand Road, Eamonn, let's hope your fine goalscoring record continues and they don't shoot you just yet!

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## CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION



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CCTV is the most effective anti-hooligan measure inside grounds and more than 100 stadia in Britain are equipped with cameras installed by The Football Trust.

CCTV forms only part of the Trust's many initiatives. Each year it receives over £9.5 million from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers and spends it on projects that benefit every level of the game throughout the United Kingdom.



# QUIZ TIME ??

Compiled by  
ALAN GRIFFITHS

## NAME THE PLAYER

1. He made his League debut for QPR against Arsenal in April, 1978, transferred to West Ham in 1980 and finally spent two years at Newcastle before joining Derby in 1988. Who is he?
2. Portsmouth bought him from Doncaster Town in 1982 and he later played for Aldershot and Reading, followed by an unhappy spell at Watford, before joining Middlesbrough in 1988. Has since returned to one of his former clubs. Name him.

## SPOT THE LINK

What have the following groups got in common?

1. Brian Borrows, Mike Newell, Steve Redmond, Tommy Caton and Tommy Tynan.
2. Notts Forest, Charlton, Leyton Orient, Crewe and Bournemouth.

## THIS SEASON'S F.A. CUP

1. Who kept goal for Brentford in the Quarter Final at Liverpool?
2. Who knocked Kettering out of the Competition?
3. Which former Leeds and Burnley star was sent off, playing for Guisborough against Bury in the First Round?
4. Everton have visited which three Second Division clubs in this season's F.A. Cup?
5. Which Third Division side did Norwich defeat in the Fifth Round?

## DIVISIONS THREE AND FOUR

1. Which club finished 92nd in the 1984/85 and 1985/86 seasons and only survived the following season by virtue of a superior goal-difference?
2. Which Third Division team in successive home League games last season, scored eight goals and then a club record 10?
3. Which Third Division side won its first 13 League matches in 1985/86 and went on to gain promotion as Champions?
4. Which club scored more than 100 League goals in winning the Championship of Division Four in 1986/87?
5. Who were runners-up to Sunderland in the Third Division last season?

## GENERAL FOOTBALL

1. Name the young Bradford City footballer called up for both the England and Scotland Under 21 squads on the same day in 1984?
2. Who plays at Boothferry Crescent?
3. Who scored a hat-trick for Derby against Real Madrid in the 1975/76 European Cup?
4. From which club did Liverpool buy Kevin Sheedy?
5. Four of the West German team that lost the 1982 World Cup, appeared as losing finalists again in 1986. Can you name them?
6. Which Leeds player was Captain of Scotland between 1970 and 1974?
7. Who was Ron Atkinson's first signing as Manager of Sheffield Wednesday?
8. Who was the leading scorer in the Second Division last season?
9. With which Fourth Division club do you associate Paul Fishenden?
10. Which club reached the F.A. Cup Final three years in succession between 1984 and 1986?

## GENERAL SPORT

1. Which International Sport has a playing area of nine feet x five feet?
2. Who finished ahead of Touching Wood and Silver Hawk to win the 1982 Epsom Derby?
3. Name the wicket-keeper who played for England in their seven games in the 1983 Prudential World Cup Tournament, but has not yet been selected to play in a Test Match?
4. In Chess, how many pieces has each player at the start of play?
5. Which athlete broke a 20-year-old record for the 400 metres during 1987?
6. In which sport is American Rick Ney a leading player?
7. Who partnered Stephen Hendry to the World Snooker Doubles title in 1987?
8. Which holiday resort hosted the Lloyd Honeyghan v. Gene Hatcher World Welterweight title fight in August, 1987?
9. Name the golfer who finished second, third and third again in the British Open Championship between 1984 and 1986?
10. In which country is the Paul Ricard Motor-Racing Circuit?

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON CITY STATS 2

# WELCOME



This afternoon sees the fourth meeting of the season between ourselves and Bolton Wanderers. Earlier in the season of course, we just edged through after two Littlewoods Cup encounters, whilst Carl Dale scored the only goal of our pre-Christmas League meeting at Burnden Park. Whilst The Trotters are looking forward to an encounter with Blackpool in the northern final of the Sherpa Van Trophy, Phil Neal's men went into their Easter programme looking for points to pull away from the wrong end of the table.

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One of the main reasons for that precarious League placing is their away form which has produced just two victories and four draws from seventeen games. Those successes came at Aldershot (3-0) in September and at Huddersfield (1-0) in November, whilst the points have been shared at Reading (1-1), Wigan (1-1), Bristol City (1-1) and Chesterfield (1-1) — that Chesterfield result in fact ended a spell of eight consecutive away defeats. The eleven defeats suffered have been at Southend (0-2), Swansea (0-1), Port Vale (1-1), Brentford (0-3), Preston (1-3), Notts County (0-2), Cardiff (0-1), Bristol Rovers (0-2), Sheffield United (0-4), Blackpool (0-2) and Wolves (0-1). Goalscoring seems to be the other problem, just ten coming from their travels. On the cup scene, Bolton have suffered defeats here and at Bury but have won at both Chesterfield and Preston.

Despite press reports which always seem to be suggesting that he is far from popular with the Bolton crowd, **PHIL NEAL** is still the man in charge at Bolton and has been since December, 1985. Phil played 641 league games for Northampton and Liverpool and countless cup and international games besides. Before this season he'd played 59 League games for Bolton and has added to that with several appearances as a substitute this term.

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The man that opposing forwards have to beat is Welsh international **DAVID FELGATE**. David started his career with Bolton as a youngster and then rejoined the club, on loan, in February 1986 and permanently twelve months later — in between times he'd had spells with Rochdale, Crewe, Lincoln, Cardiff and Grimsby. An ever-present last season he'd taken his total number of League games to 380 — he's not missed out this season either! Waiting in the wings for his chance is **GARETH GRAY**, signed this season after impressive performances for the reserves last term.

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**MARK CAME** was looking to add to his 142 League games for the club until the unfortunate incident in our Littlewoods Cup clash which left him with a broken leg. Mark had joined Bolton from Winsford United in 1984. That injury led to the arrival of the vastly experienced **GLENN KEELEY**. An England Youth international,



# BOLTON W.

Glenn began his career at Ipswich in 1972 and has since played 434 League games with Ipswich, Newcastle, Blackburn, Everton, Oldham and Colchester. That total has now increased with his 21 appearances for The Trotters. **DEAN CROMBIE** is another defender rich in experience — 33 games for Lincoln and 320 for Grimsby, before he joined Bolton last season. Injuries unfortunately restricted him to 24 games last term. **JULIAN DARBY** has only missed a couple of games this season and has scored four League goals as well. He's a local player who made his debut in March 1986 and whose 40 appearances last season took his tally to 70. **MARK WINSTANLEY** is another YTS lad. Like Julian Darby he made his debut in 1986 but had managed just 34 games by the end of last season — this season he's been an ever-present. Wanderers' full back pairing is new this season, **PHIL BROWN** is a former Hartlepool and Halifax player, who, in recent seasons had developed a knack for scoring goals. This season he's missed just one game and scored four goals in the League. **BARRY COWDRILL** is still looking for his first League goal after 131 games for West Brom, two for Rotherham and 27 for Bolton — his goal here in the Cup game however doubled his career total of strikes! Youngster **PAUL HUGHES** made his debut last season and ended the campaign with 11 in total but he's not yet figured this term.

Midfielder **STEVE THOMPSON** served his apprenticeship with the club before signing professional in November 1982. By the end of last season he'd completed 200 League games and scored 29 goals, this season he's joint top scorer for the club in the League with seven. **ROBBIE SAVAGE** missed just a couple of games last season after signing from Bradford City in the September and scored the goal at Wrexham which clinched promotion. Robbie began his career as a youngster at Liverpool, but ironically had first tasted League action during a loan spell at Wrexham. He then moved on via Stoke and Bournemouth, to join Bradford in December 1986. His 23 appearances this season leave Robbie just 15 short of the 200 mark. **JEFF CHANDLER** hasn't had the best of luck with injuries since rejoining the club in July 1987 — just three games last season and five this. Jeff began his career with Blackpool in the late 1970's and then joined Bolton in October 1981 after a couple of years with Leeds. He scored 36 goals in 157 games in that first spell before moving on to Derby from whom he was also loaned to Mansfield for a while. **GARY HENSHAW** was another newcomer last season after playing 50 games in five years at Grimsby. He scored for Bolton on

his debut at Crewe and ended with two goals from 27 appearances — this season he's scored twice in 16 full games. **NICKY BROOKMAN** has played the same number of full games this term and scored four goals. Last season he played 26 taking his club total to 30, this after he'd failed to make a League appearance during spells with Newport, Aston Villa and Wrexham. **STUART STORER** made the news when he joined Everton from Birmingham, along with Wayne Clarke. Stuart actually began his career as a YTS youngster with Mansfield, for whom he made one appearance. He joined Birmingham from non-League V.S. Rugby in January 1985 and had played just eight games before the move to Goodison. Last season he had loan spells with both Wigan and Bolton before signing permanently for The Trotters. **IAN CALLAGHAN** is a youngster who made his debut in an F.A. Cup Tie at Wrexham last season and then played once in the League. He hasn't appeared yet this season but another youngster **NICK SPOONER** has made one appearance as a substitute.

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**TREVOR MORGAN** scored seven goals in 38 League games, this season he's scored the same total from 26 games and is joint top scorer! Trevor is an experienced striker who's had two spells at Bournemouth and Bristol City as well as appearing for Mansfield, Exeter and Bristol Rovers. His travels have brought 327 League games and 107 goals (before this season). **JOHN THOMAS** of course needs little introduction to us here at Sealand Road. This season has been one of mixed fortunes for "J.T." — off the field he's become a father for the first time, on the field injuries have restricted him to 14 full games and they've produced just two goals — a far cry from last season when he was top scorer with 22 League goals. John started his career with Everton and then had loan spells with Tranmere and Halifax before joining Bolton for the first time in 1980. His move to us brought 20 goals from 44 games and since then he's moved back to Burnden via Lincoln and Preston, playing 125 games and scoring 46 goals before last season's efforts. **IAN STEVENS** joined the club last season after spells with Preston, Stockport and non-League Lancaster. His 17 appearances last season were mostly as a substitute, but he's had 13 full games in the League this season and scored five goals. Teenager **MIKE JEFFREY** has been given his chance in the past few games. A regular goalscorer at reserve team level he's made half-a-dozen appearances since his debut against Preston in December and performed impressively.



# FACTS & FIGURES

Bolton Wanderers are of course, another of the teams in our Division who, like Wolves and Blackpool, to name but two have fallen on hard times after an illustrious past. Founder members of the Football League, all their football had been played in Divisions One and Two until 1971 and though they got back to the top flight ten years ago, they have slipped since until they found themselves in the basement last season. The upshot of all this of course is that our paths did not cross at League level until 25th October 1986 — that first League meeting was played at Burnden Park and ended all square with Peter Houghton equalizing a Steve Elliot strike. Nobody scored in the return game at Sealand Road on 7th March 1986 and then of course on 17th December last year Carl Dale's effort separated the sides at Bolton. We are therefore defending our unbeaten League record against The Trotters today.

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Despite the relative lack of League encounters we have met Bolton in each of the major Cup competitions. In season 1972-73 we gained a surprise 1-1 draw at Burnden in the first round of the F.A. Cup, but then lost the replay 1-0. Bolton were again successful when we met in the Group Cup, here at Sealand Road before the 1981-82 season, 2-1 the score. It looked as if The Trotters had completed the hat-trick when they brought a 3-0 first leg lead to Sealand Road in the League Cup but we levelled the Tie on aggregate before winning the penalty shoot-out. In season 1986-87 it was a northern area quarter-final tie in the Freight Rover competition and we edged that one 2-1, thanks to a penalty save by Billy Stewart and so to this season and the Littlewoods Cup meeting — Bolton held a 1-0 lead from the first leg but a 3-1 victory here saw us through to the dubious pleasure of playing Notts Forest.

Apart from John Thomas several players have appeared with both our clubs in post-war soccer: Albert Burgess, Tony Caldwell, Jimmy Cole, Malcolm Edwards, Derek Hennin, Les Jones, Dave Lennard, Ronnie Phillips, Jimmy Redfern, Mike Salmon, Ian Seddon, Harry Webster and Ray Westwood.

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## CITY v. THE TROTTERS

League	W	D	L	F	A
Home	0	1	0	0	0
Away	1	1	0	2	1
League Cup etc.	2	0	2	6	5
F.A. Cup	0	1	1	1	2
Freight Rover	1	0	0	2	1
Group Cup	0	0	1	1	2

League Season	At Sealand Road	At Burnden Park
1986-87	0-0	1-1
1988-89	—	1-0

## THE TROTTERS IN THE 80's

Season	Div.	Pos.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1987-88	4	3	46	22	12	12	66	42	78
1986-87	3	21	46	10	15	21	46	58	45
1985-86	3	18	46	15	8	23	54	68	53
1984-85	3	17	46	16	6	24	69	75	54
1983-84	3	10	46	18	10	18	56	60	64
1982-83	2	22	42	11	11	20	42	61	44
1981-82	2	19	42	13	7	22	39	61	46
1980-81	2	18	42	14	10	18	61	66	38

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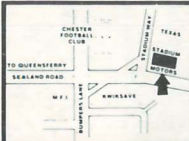
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## MEDIA TALK

It's probably fair to say that I have not been too impressed with the new style "Kick Off" programme since it returned but credit where credit is due, their edition broadcast on 24th March wasn't bad. No, it wasn't because they featured the new Crewe Alex song but because of the feature they carried on our own Eamonn O'Keefe. Although the feature didn't last that long they charted Eamonn's career from the days when he stopped delivering newspapers around Manchester and joined Everton, right through to the present time. There was film of goals scored in his Everton days, film of the hat-trick he scored for Wigan against Mansfield, a game that clinched promotion for The Latics and also of course, film of the cracker he scored for us against Blackpool. Eamonn had also been filmed in training down here at Sealand Road. There were some interesting quotes from Eamonn, "when I moved to Wigan Harry McNally was the Assistant Manager but he was always in the corner of the dressing room whispering words of motivation to the players." Of the goal he scored for us, "I felt sorry for the Chester fans, they'd travelled down to watch and stood in the pouring rain and I forgot who I was playing for and ran to salute the Blackpool fans!" Harry McNally also recalled how Eamonn's move to Blackpool had come about, "Sam Ellis phoned me and asked about Eamonn and I said if you want to go up, sign him, that's what they did." The last word though rested with Eamonn, could he do it for Chester? "I don't see why not, I'm certainly going to try."

By coincidence, at the same time as that feature was being run, Radio Merseyside were also running an interview with Eamonn. It concentrated basically on how the injury came about and his subsequent move to Ireland and then his return and arrival at Sealand Road. Details of what was said are basically the same as Eamonn's comments in our Face to Face feature with him in today's programme. Switching away from Mr. O'Keefe, Harry McNally spoke on Marcher Sound about the two games over Easter, "we need four points from our two games to set us up for the coming two home games. If we have a poor weekend I'd begin to think that our chances might just be starting to fade."

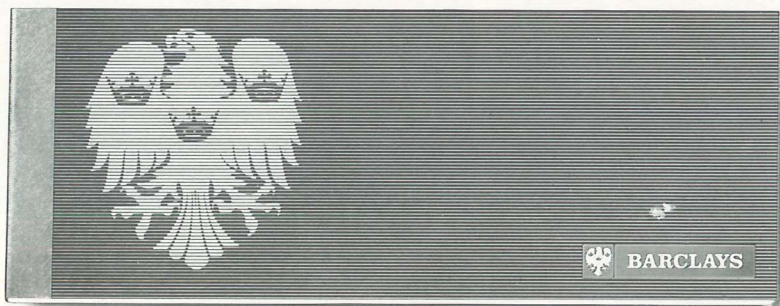
Turning to the written word and the Evening Leader told us how the referee of the Blackpool game had left the boss fuming. "The ref was out of order . . . having put the game on, you expect him to show some understanding of the conditions but I don't think he did at all and now we've got two men suspended" — he was referring to the bookings and in particular those of Graham Abel and Graham Barrow.

In the build-up to the transfer deadline the Leader followed the Sealand Road activity — Harry McNally had turned down an enquiry from another Third Division side for Steve Johnson. On the Wednesday Alistair Syme then explained that the Boss was looking for cover for injured goalkeeper Steve Farrelly and then on the Thursday under the headline "Harry's Quick Work" Alistair brought us the story of the arrival on loan of Gary Lake. On the same evening there was also an interesting quote from the Boss about Billy Stewart, "I wouldn't trade Billy for anyone else in the Third Division . . . and I think he's edging towards being one of the top ten 'keepers in the country."

No space left to mention the Chester Chronicle I'm afraid, I promise to do better next time Ian!



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## WHISTLER'S VIEW

I am often asked the question, "How does one become a referee?" That is then usually followed by, "Is it easy to get on the Football League list?"

The answers to these questions are that it is very easy to become a referee, but very, very difficult to become a Football League official. It is a long, hard road and only the top few make it.

To start refereeing one must first approach the County F.A. Divisional Referees' Secretary for the area and he will notify the would-be referee when the next training course for referees is going to be held. (These are held regularly in all areas).

The course is a series of lectures and discussions about the Laws of the Game and is usually held one evening per week for about six weeks. At the end of the course there is a written test and the candidate is assessed refereeing a local game.

When the person has passed the training course he is a qualified Class 3 referee. After one full season at this level he can apply for promotion to Class 2 and after a further season, Class 1 status can be sought. Promotion from Class 2 to Class 1 is very difficult and a high standard is required over a number of games.

Having reached Class 1 standard the referee can now officiate in a higher grade of football, this is called a Feeder League. (At Class 2 an official may be a linesman in this League).

After at least one full season at this level an official may be considered for promotion to the next level as a linesman. This is called a Contributory League. At the same time refereeing performances at the Feeder League level are closely monitored by the authorities as this will be the deciding factor on whether promotion to referee in the Contributory League is gained.

The same rule applies when promotion from the Contributory League to the Football League is obtained. Each time the refereeing performances are the yardstick that is used to decide eligibility for promotion.

Having gained Football League status officials are constantly assessed (every game!) and have to pass fitness tests each year to maintain high standards.

So, there it is, being a Football League referee is a very difficult thing to achieve and you have to be an excellent referee to even get within reach of that.

Very few of our top referees have the ultimate honour of being appointed to the F.I.F.A. list of referees and they are therefore eligible to officiate in International matches.

### HERE ARE TODAY'S QUESTIONS?

1. A defender taking a free direct free-kick just outside his own penalty area suddenly turns and kicks the ball past an amazed goalkeeper into the net. What is the correct decision?
2. What is the maximum width of the pitch. Also what is the minimum length?
3. What is the main purpose of the centre circle?
4. What is the correct position for the ball to be placed for a goal kick?

### WHISTLER'S VIEW ANSWERS

1. Corner-kick, a goal is not awarded as Law 13 states that a goal direct from a free-kick can only be scored against the offending side.
2. Both distances are 100 yards, however the pitch must be rectangular.
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# CITY FIRSTS! (PART 1)

Today we take a look at some of our first League meetings

Opposition	League	Date		Result	Score
Accrington Stanley	3N	17.10.1931	H	W	1-0 Jennings
Aldershot	4	11.10.1958	H	D	2-2 Bullock, Pearson
Barnsley	3N	12.11.1932	A	W	3-0 Mantle, Cresswell, Hedley
Barrow	3N	10.10.1931	H	W	4-2 Jennings (2), Thompson, Cresswell
Blackburn Rovers	3	24.10.1979	H	D	0-0
Blackpool	3	23.12.1978	A	L	0-3
Bolton Wanderers	3	25.10.1986	A	D	1-1 Houghton
Bournemouth	4	24.10.1970	H	W	4-2 Webber (2), Tarbuck, Draper
Bradford City	3N	18.9.1937	A	D	2-2 Wrightson (2)
Bradford Park Avenue	3N	4.11.1950	H	W	2-0 Astbury, Coffin
Brentford	4	26.12.1962	A	L	1-2 Myerscough
Brighton and Hove Albion	4	29.10.1963	H	D	0-0
Bristol City	4	2.11.1982	A	D	0-0
Bristol Rovers	3	29.8.1981	A	D	2-2 Zelem, Oakes
Burnley	3	20.9.1980	H	D	0-0
Bury	3N	25.12.1957	A	W	2-1 Jepson, Bullock
Cambridge United	4	23.9.1970	H	W	2-1 Tarbuck, Draper
Cardiff City	3	25.10.1975	H	D	1-1 Pugh
Carlisle United	3N	19.12.1931	A	L	3-4 Robson, Mercer, Hedley
Charlton Athletic	3	13.9.1980	A	L	0-1
Chesterfield	3N	1.1.1934	A	L	1-6 Kelly
Colchester United	4	2.10.1961	A	L	2-5 Morris, Pritchard
Coventry City	4	29.11.1958	A	L	1-5 Pearson
Crewe Alexandra	3N	6.4.1932	H	W	1-0 Wyper
Crystal Palace	4	27.8.1958	A	D	3-3 Foulkes, Pearson, Richards
Darlington	3N	5.9.1931	A	L	1-4 Jennings
Derby County	3N	12.11.1955	H	L	2-5 Collins, Allman
Doncaster Rovers	3N	9.1.1932	H	D	1-1 Bennett
Exeter City	4	22.11.1958	H	W	4-2 Bullock, Webster (2), Richards
Fulham	3	25.10.1980	H	L	0-1
Gateshead	3N	26.9.1931	H	D	1-1 Matthews, C.
Gillingham	4	17.1.1959	A	D	3-3 Bullock (2), Griffiths, B.
Grimsby Town	3N	8.12.1951	H	L	0-3
Halifax Town	3N	12.9.1931	H	W	3-1 Ferguson, A., Hedley (2)
Hartlepool United	3N	9.9.1931	A	D	2-2 Jennings, Cresswell
Hereford United	4	17.1.1973	H	L	1-3 Clapham
Huddersfield Town	3	29.10.1980	H	L	0-2
Hull City	3N	25.3.1932	H	W	2-0 Jennings (2)
Leyton Orient	4	23.11.1985	H	W	3-0 Kelly (2), Rimmer
Lincoln City	3N	25.12.1931	H	W	2-1 Reilly, Cresswell
Luton Town	4	8.1.1966	A	L	2-5 Metcalf, Morris
Mansfield Town	3N	27.8.1932	A	L	0-1
Middlesbrough	3	29.11.1986	A	W	2-1 Abel, Greenhough
Millwall	4	25.12.1958	A	W	1-0 Richards
New Brighton	3N	3.10.1931	A	W	1-0 Hedley
Newport County	4	13.10.1962	H	D	2-2 Davies, Read
Northampton Town	4	6.9.1958	H	L	2-3 Bullock (2)
Notts County	4	22.8.1959	A	L	1-2 Davis
Oldham Athletic	3N	25.9.1935	H	D	1-1 Williams
Oxford United	4	20.10.1962	A	L	0-3
Peterborough United	4	13.3.1961	A	L	0-6
Plymouth Argyle	3	8.10.1977	H	D	1-1 Hall (o.g.)
Portsmouth	3	2.11.1976	A	L	1-2 Dearden
Port Vale	3N	28.11.1936	H	D	0-0
Preston North End	3	27.12.1975	H	W	3-0 Pugh, McMahon (o.g.), Owen
Reading	4	21.8.1971	A	L	0-1
Rochdale	3N	5.12.1931	A	W	3-0 Jennings, Cresswell, Hedley
Rotherham United	3N	31.10.1931	H	W	2-1 Robson, Hedley
Scunthorpe United	3N	9.12.1950	A	L	0-2
Sheffield United	3	25.8.1979	H	D	1-1 Jones
Sheffield Wednesday	3	21.10.1975	H	W	1-0 Owen
Shrewsbury Town	3N	25.12.1950	H	W	3-1 Foulkes, Tilston (2)
Southend United	4	7.9.1966	H	D	1-1 Jones, L.
Southport	3N	21.11.1931	A	D	1-1 Valentine
Stockport County	3N	24.10.1931	A	D	0-0
Sunderland	3	26.9.1987	A	W	2-0 Rimmer, Croft
Swansea City	4	2.12.1967	H	L	2-3 Ashworth, Hughes
Swindon Town	3	20.12.1975	H	W	2-1 Delgado, Storton
Torquay United	4	23.8.1958	H	L	0-2
Tranmere Rovers	3N	7.11.1931	A	D	2-2 Robson, Jennings
Walsall	3N	19.9.1931	A	D	1-1 Jennings
Watford	4	1.10.1958	H	W	2-1 Webster (2)
Wigan Athletic	3	26.12.1986	A	D	2-2 Bennett (2)
*Wigan Borough	3N	29.8.1931	H	W	4-0 Ranson, Jennings, Cresswell, Hedley
Wimbledon	3	18.8.1979	A	W	3-2 Ruggiero, Henderson, Edwards
Workington Town	3N	12.4.1952	A	D	2-2 Coffin, Astbury
Wrexham	3N	2.9.1931	A	D	1-1 Jennings
York City	3N	14.11.1931	H	W	3-0 Robson, Mercer, Hedley

\*Result was deleted from League records following Wigan's resignation from the Football League on 26.10.1931.

# FLASHBACK

## SEASON 1986/87

Following the disappointment of the home defeat against Bury, City set off on their travels to Ashton Gate, Bristol, looking to preserve the away form that had seen them unbeaten since mid-December. More than that, Manager Harry McNally felt there was a score to settle after City had travelled North earlier in the season and beaten us 3-0! The boss had made a late bid to strengthen his squad before the transfer deadline but neither Liverpool's John McGregor nor Manchester City's Earl Barrett were available. The Bristol squad had been hit by a virus in the week before the game and for much of the proceedings it looked as though they wouldn't have the strength to break down the Chester back five. Goalkeeper Keith Vaughn, a hero against Notts Forest recently, proved to be in fine form and his saves inspired Trevor Morgan to score the only goal of the game 20 minutes from time. Graham Abel and Ricky Greenough in particular had been denied by the Bristol custodian.

Bristol had been sitting in sixth position in the table before we'd taken them on – just a few days later, we were playing their West Country rivals Swindon, who were two places higher – but at least the game was at Sealands Road. Swindon lost 3-2 to Wigan on the Saturday and Harry McNally was expecting that to make matters harder for his side. Ricky Greenough had been a doubtful starter due to an ankle injury picked up in training but it was he who set City on the victory trail when he scored with a fine header after 25 minutes. Twelve minutes after the break, Stuart Rimmer made the game safe with a fierce left-footed drive which left the manager congratulating "our best display of the season". John Kelly and Milton Graham, in particular, were the architects of the success. Speaking in "Harry's Game" in the *Chester Chronicle*, the boss referred back to the Bristol game and, despite the defeat, felt that the game had seen Chester arrive on the Third Division scene, "we put up a very professional performance . . . this was a match that would have graced the Second Division in terms of quality".

## SEASON 1984/85

Although the 2-0 success against Aldershot meant that City had gone three games without defeat, Mick Speight was faced with problems as he prepared for the home game against Mansfield, who were immediately above us in the table. The boss himself was ruled out with injury, whilst both Lee Dixon and Peter Bulmer were again missing with flu. Dixon was, in fact, the subject of pre-transfer deadline speculation, when it was rumoured that he was about to sign for Manchester City, whilst Lincoln had had a £15,000 offer for Martin Lane rejected. It had seemed that Steve Fox would move on to Tranmere but that move didn't materialise either.

The Mansfield game was played on Grand National day and the newspapers made much of the fact that City finished up second best in a two horse race. Mansfield arrived with the best defensive record in the League and left with it intact whilst The Stags, with the poorest scoring record in the Division, managed to score three themselves for the first time since September! It's not surprising to find that Mick Speight was far from happy, describing his side's effort as a "pub team performance" – from what I can recall of the game, that was an insult to pub teams! The only man to get anything out of the game from the Chester end was Cliff Sear, who was presented with a Canon Long Service Award, after completing 18 years as a player, manager and assistant manager.

## SEASON 1982/83

Four years ago, the controversial Chester Report was published and amongst other things, was suggesting that Third and Fourth Division clubs would be split into four regional sections – John Sainty was fairly enthusiastic about the idea. Further off the field news was that City youngsters Mike Williams and John Allen were set to join Chelsea on loan, with a view to a permanent transfer – both had impressed whilst playing for the Welsh Youth Team.

On the field it was a trip to Stockport that occupied the players minds and what a game it was. City boss John Sainty had left out Tom Sloan and played John Allen and Gary Simpson up front, with John Thomas in a free role. JT scored after just eight minutes and then Simpson scored after half an hour. It then started to go wrong as Peter Zelem was injured and the boss banished to the stands for trying to re-organise his troops. Stockport levelled on half time and then scored two goals in six minutes (early in the second period) to transform the match but then City rallied and, with virtually the last kick of the game, Paul Manns scored a deserved equaliser.

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# OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

## HOME

Next Wednesday night sees the appearance of Jimmy Hill's Fulham here at Sealand Road, in what is sure to be an attractive fixture, if our previous four games here are anything to go by. Unfortunately, those four games have produced three victories for The Cottagers, with the other match ending all square. Last season two Leroy Rosenior goals cancelled out Milton Graham's fine effort, whilst the previous season's game had ended 2-2. Our other two meetings came at the start of the eighties and ended in 1-0 and 2-0 successes for the Londoners.

Back in January, our visit to Craven Cottage ended in a disastrous 4-1 defeat and since that time, The Cottagers have crept almost unnoticed, it seems, into the play-off scene – since mid-February (and prior to Easter) they've played six games of which they'd won five and lost just one. Mind you, that run probably shouldn't come as too much of a surprise, as they did something similar last term – before losing their final three games and sliding back to ninth place. At the end of the day it was their home form which proved costly – eight defeats – whilst away from home, their nine successes was the joint second-best in the division.

Off the field there was some uncertainty about the future of Craven Cottage – Marler Estates (who lease the ground to the club) had plans for development, whilst Hammersmith Council had plans to move the pitch towards one end. However, all that was small fry compared to the events of the previous campaign, when the club almost went out of business altogether. The 1986-87 season proved to be the most traumatic in the club's history. Whilst the club's young side struggled to adjust to life in Division Three, their new owners announced their intention to merge with Queens Park Rangers and to develop the Craven Cottage site. Jimmy Hill led the campaign to stop the merger and success off the field was infectious and the serious threat of relegation was avoided.

All that seems to be a thing of the past now and this season has brought a genuine promotion challenge, following disappointing early exits from all the Cup Competitions. Although 16 away games have produced just 18 goals, five of those games have been won and one drawn. What's perhaps even more surprising about that goal tally is that five of them came in one game, at Ashton Gate, when they beat Bristol City 5-1. Since then, they've only passed the one-goal mark once and that was at Wolves, when they went down 5-2.

There are a few names to watch out for as well in The Cottagers ranks – the evergreen Gordon Davies is starting to find the net regularly over the second half of the season, whilst former First Division men Clive Walker and Doug Rougvié are also in the ranks. Why not come along on Wednesday and see if we can get that elusive first home success?

## AWAY

Next Saturday, we have the chance to watch football at the only remaining three-sided football ground in the League, when we travel down to the County Ground, Northampton. The County ground is a ground that is best described as different, it's a ground that has changed drastically in recent years and it's on which Northampton have lost seven games this season (up to Easter). It can't be described as the happiest of grounds for us – our 2-0 defeat last February, was our ninth in 15 visits, whilst we managed just two successes.

Looking at the history of the ground, it was the cricketers who arrived first – in the 1880's – eight and a half acres of farmland were converted into a cricket field. Three years before the turn of the century football arrived – provided it wasn't played before 1st September or after 1st May. The football side of the ground developed in the five years following 1970 – a small stand was built and terracing constructed. The Cobblers joined The Football League in 1920, four years later, a full-length Main Stand was built, just five years on most of the seats and offices housed underneath were destroyed by fire, though it wasn't too long before restoration work was completed. In the 1940's, the "home" end of the ground was covered.

The next stage in the development of Northampton as a football club started some 20 years later. In October, 1960, the new floodlights were switched on and at the end of that season, The Cobblers were promoted for the first time in their career. In their second season in the third they were promoted again and after just two seasons in Division Two, they found themselves in the top flight. Although their highest crowd of 24,523 watched The Cobblers play Fulham in Division One, in April, 1966, four years later they were right back where they started, just 10 years earlier. In 1970, they played Manchester United in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup and were trounced 8-2 in front of their own fans and then, two years later, were having to apply for re-election. In recent years however, under Graham Carr, fortunes have again started to prosper.

The Manchester United game marked the only occasion in the ground's history that a full-length stand was erected on the open side of the ground but these days you'd be hard-pressed to find much seating at all. Following the Bradford fire, all the seats were closed off due to suspect roof girders – repair was too expensive so the top half of the stand was sliced off, leaving the offices and dressing rooms. A 400-seater temporary grandstand was brought in whilst, last season, I "enjoyed" the game under canvas at the Kop End of the ground – the rear section of the Kop had also been declared unsafe and fenced off.

Town certainly have their problems – the ground is governed by a Trust, whose majority membership are from the cricketing fraternity and so, investment prospects are limited. There is, also, the added problem of getting the pitch ready for the start of the season because it's used as a car park for people watching Allan Lamb and company! Plans have been drawn up for the club to re-locate two miles away, so why not visit the County Ground while you can – it might be your last chance!



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<b>AUG. 27</b> Sat 28	<b>Blackpool</b> Bolton/LW Cup 1	1-1	3,496	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler <sup>o</sup>	Benjamin <sup>o</sup>	Johnson 1	Bennett	Dale <sup>o</sup>	Newhouse <sup>o</sup>
<b>SEPT.</b> Tues 30	<b>Port Vale</b> Bristol City W. Cup 1	0-1	3,535	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Newhouse
Sat 7	<b>Bristol City</b> Sheff. Utd.	2-1	4,213	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 14	<b>Sheff. Utd.</b> Preston	2-0	2,823	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Tues 20	<b>Huddersfield</b> Notts F.L.W. Cup 2	1-6	8,615	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 28	<b>Huddersfield</b> Notts F.L.W. Cup 2	3-3	5,415	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
<b>OCT.</b> Sat 5	<b>Reading</b> Brentford	0-6	11,958	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 12	<b>Reading</b> Notts F.L.W. Cup 2	1-3	4,074	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Weds 5	<b>Brentford</b> Notts F.L.W. Cup 2	3-2	2,306	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sun 9	<b>Notts F.L.W. Cup 2</b>	2-2	5,772	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Weds 12	<b>Bristol City</b> Sheff. Utd.	0-4	2,758	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 19	<b>Bristol City</b> Sheff. Utd.	1-4	3,811	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Weds 26	<b>Mansfield</b> Aldershot	0-0	1,805	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 29	<b>Aldershot</b> Swansea	1-1	1,862	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
<b>NOV.</b> Sat 5	<b>Swansea</b> Chesterfield	3-1	2,263	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Tues 8	<b>Chesterfield</b> Burnley FAC 1	1-2	2,497	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 15	<b>Burnley FAC 1</b>	3-1	2,078	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 22	<b>Burnley FAC 1</b>	2-0	8,475	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 29	<b>Southend</b> Gillingham	2-4	2,050	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
<b>DEC.</b> Sat 3	<b>Gillingham</b> Sheff. Utd. SVT	2-0	3,329	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 10	<b>Sheff. Utd. SVT</b>	0-2	6,295	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 17	<b>Bolton</b> Wrexham SVT	1-2	4,318	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 24	<b>Wrexham SVT</b>	1-2	3,789	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Weds 21	<b>Wigan</b> Northampton	1-0	3,562	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Mon 26	<b>Northampton</b>	2-1	2,733	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
<b>JAN.</b> Sat 9	<b>Wolves</b> Fulham	1-3	21,901	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Mon 16	<b>Fulham</b> Port Vale	1-4	4,196	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 23	<b>Port Vale</b> Sheff. Utd.	1-2	4,899	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 30	<b>Sheff. Utd.</b>	1-0	5,586	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
<b>FEB.</b> Sat 4	<b>Reading</b> Brentford	3-0	2,364	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 11	<b>Brentford</b> Mansfield	1-0	5,748	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 18	<b>Notts County</b>	1-0	3,165	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Tues 25	<b>Mansfield</b>	0-2	2,795	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
<b>MAR.</b> Sat 4	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	0-2	3,090	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 11	<b>Swansea</b>	1-1	4,311	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Weds 15	<b>Aldershot</b>	1-1	2,090	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 18	<b>Blackpool</b>	1-1	2,638	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 25	<b>Wolves</b>	1-1	2,433	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Mon 27	<b>Wigan</b>	0-3	3,132	Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
<b>APR.</b> Sat 1	<b>Bolton</b>	1		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Weds 5	<b>Fulham</b>	5		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 8	<b>Northampton</b>	1		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 15	<b>Sheff. Utd.</b>	1		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Weds 19	<b>Sheff. Utd.</b>	1		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 22	<b>Preston</b>	1		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 29	<b>Chesterfield</b>	1		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
<b>MAY</b> Sat 1	<b>Bury</b>	1		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Mon 4	<b>Wrexham</b>	6		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Tues 5	<b>Cardiff</b>	9		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Fri 12	<b>Southend</b>	12		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
Sat 19	<b>F.A. Cup Final</b>	12		Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon
<b>T.B.A.</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>			Stewart	Glenn	Woodthorpe	Hinnigan	Abel	Lightfoot	Jakub	Butler	Benjamin	Johnson	Bennett	Bennett	Lundon



## MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE

### FIXTURES 1988-89

Aug. 31 Tues.	Birmingham City	0-3
Sept 16 Fri.	Hartlepool Utd.	2-0
Sept 20 Tues.	Peterborough Utd.	0-3
Oct. 7 Fri.	Walsall	4-3
Oct. 10 Mon.	Lincoln City	2-2
Oct. 21 Fri.	Tranmere R.	2-4
Oct. 26 Wed.	Shrewsbury Town	1-3
Nov. 9 Wed.	Wolves	pp
Nov. 18 Fri.	Scarborough	0-0
Nov. 29 Tues.	Halifax Town	
Dec. 19 Mon.	Northampton T.	2-3
Jan. 4 Wed.	Wrexham	1-2
Jan. 10 Tues.	Hartlepool Utd.	3-1
Jan. 18 Wed.	Halifax Town	2-0
Jan. 24 Tues.	Chesterfield	3-3
Jan. 31 Tues.	Tranmere R.	0-4
Feb. 8 Wed.	Birmingham City	1-0
Feb. 17 Fri.	Peterborough Utd.	0-2
Feb. 24 Fri.	Shrewsbury Town	1-2
Mar. 10 Fri.	Northampton T.	0-1
Mar. 17 Fri.	Chesterfield	
Mar. 22 Wed.	Wrexham	3-2
Mar. 28 Tues.	Walsall	
Apr. 11 Tues.	Scarborough	
Apr. 14 Fri.	Halifax	
Apr. 21 Fri.	Lincoln City	
Apr. 28 Fri.	Wolves	

## LEAGUE CUP

<b>Round 1</b>		
Nov. 4 Fri.	Northampton T.	2-0

## APPEARANCES/GOALS 1988-89

	League	L'woods Cup	F.A. Cup	Sherpa Van Trophy
Graham Abel	31 (3)	4	2	2
Graham Barrow	29 (2)	3 (1)	2	2
Ian Benjamin	18 + 4 (2)	2 + 1	2 (1)	2 (1)
Gary Bennett	2 + 5	1 + 3		
Barry Butler	22 + 1	1	2	2
Carl Dale	26 + 3 (16)	1 + 2	2 (1)	2 (1)
David Glenn	16 + 2	4	1	2
Milton Graham	8 + 2			
Craig Hawtin	3 + 2 (1)		+ 1	
Joe Hinnigan	27 (1)	3	2	2 (1)
Joe Jakub	33 (1)	4	2	2
Steve Johnson	29 + 3 (10)	4	2	2
Tony Kelly	5	1		
Martin Lane	10			
Chris Lightfoot	20 + 8 (4)	4 (1)	1	+ 1
Sean London	5 + 1	1 + 1		
Aidan Newhouse	13 + 5 (2)	3 + 1		+ 1
Eamonn O'Keefe	2 + 1 (1)			
Robert Painter	+ 2			+ 1
Billy Stewart	33	4	2	2
Colin Woodthorpe	32 (2)	4	2	2
Darren Wynne	+ 2			

+ Denotes Sub. Figures in brackets = goals. Own Goals 2.

## TODAY'S OTHER GAMES

Brentford	v. Aldershot
Bristol R.	v. Blackpool
Bury	v. Huddersfield
Cardiff C.	v. Bristol C.
Chesterfield	v. Swansea C.
Gillingham	v. North'mpton
Mansfield	v. Wolves
Notts C.	v. Wigan A.
Preston N.E.v.	Fulham
Reading	v. Port Vale

**TODAY'S REFEREE is Mr. K. A. COOPER** from Swindon. He commenced refereeing in 1967. He joined the League List in August 1984. His hobbies are golf, swimming and cricket. He is Chairman of the Swindon and District Referees Association.

Today's **CHESTER CHRONICLE** Mascot is:

## STEVEN ALLMAN

from Hoole Lane, Chester. Steven is nine years old and attends Cherry Grove School in Chester.

## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE — DIV. TWO

### FIXTURES 1988-89

Aug. 20	Bury "A"	6-0
Sept. 3	Manchester Utd. "B"	3-1
Sept. 10	Marine Youth	pp
Sept. 17	Liverpool "B"	1-2
Sept. 24	Tranmere R. "B"	0-3
Oct. 1	Crewe Alex. "B"	1-2
Oct. 8	Blackburn R. "B"	2-1
Oct. 15	Stockport C. "A"	4-1
Oct. 22	Everton "B"	3-5
Oct. 29	Blackburn R. "B"	
Nov. 5	Stockport C. "A"	5-0
Nov. 12	Everton "B"	1-1
Nov. 19	Oldham Ath. "B"	
Dec. 3	Carlisle Utd. "B"	
Dec. 10	Preston N.E. "B"	
Dec. 17	Wigan	
Jan. 7	Tranmere	
Jan. 14	Blackburn "A"	1-3
Jan. 21	Blackpool "A"	1-6
Jan. 28	Marine Youth	5-0
Feb. 4	Carlisle Utd. "A"	0-2
Feb. 11	Preston N.E. "A"	1-0
Feb. 18	Oldham Ath. "B"	3-4
Feb. 25	Blackpool "A"	
Mar. 4	Wigan Ath. "A"	5-3
Mar. 11	Crewe Alex. "B"	
Mar. 18	Tranmere R. "B"	
April 1	Liverpool "B"	

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ TIME

### NAME THE PLAYER

1. Paul Goddard
2. Trevor Senior

### SPOT THE LINK

1. They were all born in Liverpool
2. They all play in Red shirts.

### THIS SEASON'S F.A. CUP

1. West Brom.
2. Charlton
3. Ray Hankin
4. Barnsley
5. Sheffield Utd.

### DIVISIONS THREE AND FOUR

1. Torquay
2. Gillingham
3. Reading
4. Northampton
5. Brighton

### GENERAL FOOTBALL

1. Stuart McCall
2. Hull
3. Charlie George
4. Liverpool
5. Keesha Briegel and Rummage
6. Billy Bremner
7. Steve Whitton
8. Mark Bright
9. Crewe
10. Everton

### GENERAL SPORT

1. Table Tennis
2. Golden Pleece
3. Ian Gould
4. Sixteen
5. Butch Reynolds
6. Darts
7. Mike Hallett
8. Marbella
9. Bernhard Langer
10. France

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## CHESTER CITY

Blue/White

### BILLY STEWART

Has developed into a good, steady keeper.

### DAVID GLENN

Returned to the side at Wigan.

### COLIN WOODTHORPE

Excellent performance against Wolves.

### JOE HINNIGAN

Experienced defender, one League goal this season.

### CHRIS LIGHTFOOT

Returns to the side in place of Graham Abel.

### MARTIN LANE

Enjoying a successful second spell at the club.

### JOE JAKUB

Tireless midfield worker.

### MILTON GRAHAM

Back in the side after recent substitute appearances.

### STEVE JOHNSON

Unlucky not to get on the scoresheet at Wigan.

### EAMONN O'KEEFE

Has impressed since joining us recently.

### AIDAN NEWHOUSE

Thirteen appearances so far this season.

## BOLTON W'DERERS

White/Navy

### 1 DAVID FELGATE

Welsh International, much-travelled.

### 2 PHIL BROWN

Signed from Halifax in summer, ex-Hartlepool.

### 3 BARRY COWDRILL

Summer signing from West Brom.

### 4 ROBBIE SAVAGE

Former L'pool, Wrexham, Stoke, B'nem'th and Bradford

### 5 DEAN CROMBIE

Over 350 games with Lincoln and Grimsby.

### 6 MARK WINSTANLEY

Ex-YTS. Ever-present this season.

### 7 JEFF CHANDLER

Second spell at Club. Ex-Blackpool, Leeds and Derby.

### 8 STEVE THOMPSON

Over 200 games for the club. Joint top scorer at Easter.

### 9 JOHN THOMAS

Welcome back, John!

### 10 MIKE JEFFREY

Regular scorer at reserve level. Debut in December.

### 11 JULIAN DARBY

Local youngster. Over 100 appearances since his debut.

### 12 STUART STORER

Former Mansfield, Birmingham and Everton winger.

### 14 TREVOR MORGAN

Joint top scorer to Easter. Career appear 327, goals 107



Referee: Mr. K. A. COOPER (Swindon)

Linesmen:

M. P. Joyce (Red Trim)

P. Rejer (Yellow Trim)



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